

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

October 24th, 2013

Roll Call:

Chair.....	Steve Krieger	Vice Chair.....	Mark Kotcher
Secretary.....	Dick Drury	Admin & Finance.....	Matt Newbold
Athletic.....	Mark Muehl	Christian Service.....	Mike Jarvis
Christian Formation.....	Eileen Carney	Health Ministry.....	Carolyn Duke
Evangelization.....	Peggy Dolter	Youth.....	Ryan Clancy
Liturgy.....	Paul & Sue Schulte	Social.....	Gary & Wendy Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst*	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski		*Absent

Eileen opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm

Discussion reg. the book “Rediscover Catholicism” ensued. Most read the book and provided positive feedback. It could be helpful for both active and lapsed Catholics although it may not be the ideal reference for lapsed Catholics. We may want to consider discussion groups in homes after the book is distributed. Pat Dean has experience with coordinating discussion groups. There is a study guide on line to facilitate discussions. The vote was unanimous to purchase 1000 books for a total of \$2000. Steve asked for volunteers to distribute the book (probably over the Christmas season) and for donors to finance the expense. Approx. \$800 has been pledged to cover the purchase.

Solar energy: Randy Howe submitted a request to the parish council from the Adfin commission, to move forward with contracting with Brightergy for the purpose of installing solar panels at MM.

A committee composed of Randy Howe, Steve Krieger, Claude Leezy and Deacon Dick have thoroughly investigated and negotiated the proposal to install solar panels on the roof. Both Microgrid and Brightergy submitted proposals. Brightergy’s contract offers more flexibility and guarantees as well a 5 year contract. There are “opt out” provisions. The contract offers discounts as the number of facilities in the archdioceses hits established thresholds. The \$50,000 initial rebate provided by Ameren is signed over to Brightergy and offsets the costs of the installation. Tax credits received by MM while leasing the equipment will similarly be assigned to Brightergy and will be applied to offset our energy costs. Assigning of the credits does not affect our not for profit status. It was voted unanimously to proceed with signing the contract.

Commission Reports:

Athletics: Nov. 2nd is the mass, bonfire and hayride at our MM fields. 113 folks have committed to attending mass and 125 plan to attend the bonfire and hayride. Dick D. is planning some games. Mark suggested we view the MM website. The athletics pictures show a volleyball team event from 2005 with many open beer bottles. Mark will delete this picture. Each parish council commissioner is responsible as a MM ambassador for maintaining secure, private and appropriate media for their commission.

Youth: Movie night, “Blind Side”, was presented outdoor at the MM annex with a bonfire last Sunday. This coming Sat. is a babysitting fundraiser where the teens are providing guidance and entertainment for children.

Those taking advantage of this service are asked to make donations. Each PC member is encouraged to try to attend at least one youth group activity. It is required that 2 adults attend every youth group function. Most teens attend Mehlville high but students from both public and private school participate. Ryan explained that Twitter was now being used to communicate to the teens.

Christian Service: Although minutes were not available, Mike shared that the commissions focus is currently on the “Surround a Family with Prayer” and the effort is being coordinated with the ACTS community. CS will be doing some polling in the parish. Karen house would like for us to provide “healthier sandwiches” and SVDP may help with this additional expense. Each month 3 sandwich preparations take place, 2 during the day and 1 in the evening. They could use more help.

Social: Bunco took place back last week. We are awaiting reports from the pasta dinner and the golf tourn. The cash proceeds from the bar for the pasta dinner of twenty some odd dollars appeared to be understated.

Christian Formation: 755 CD’s and 90 books have been sold to date. Respect Life convention is this week. This Tues. is the Human Trafficking Forum from 7:30 to 9 in the parish hall. Eileen encouraged PC members to attend.

Evangelization: Peggy offered her appreciation for the approval of the purchase and distribution of the 2000 “Rediscover Catholicism” books.

Health: Mass of remembrance is on Nov. 2nd. Blood drive was successful. Laura Klages will be replenishing outdated supplies from the athletic 1st aid kits. A “get acquainted” with the AED (for CPR) equipment may take place in Jan. Later in Nov. the commission wants to get people involved in fitness and nutrition and are waiting to receive the proceeds from Orange Leaf initiative.

Ed Lew: “Come to the table” program presented by Becky McDonnell that focuses on getting the youth to weekend mass. On selected weekends, at both the 5pm Sat. and 9:30am Sun. masses the children will read the petitions, read from the children’s lectionary, bring up the gifts and gather around the alter for the homily. There are 141 families in PSR and over 200 children. 91 families attended mass this past weekend. Ed provided a handout and directed each to note the order of priorities for assignment of facilities at MM.

Finance: Everyone received the Sept. financials.

Liturgy: Commission had their display this past weekend and had a few new participants. Sue complimented Becky McDonnell on her love for the Eucharist and desire to include the children.

Vice Chair: Mark reminded everyone that on Nov. 23rd a praise band will perform at MM. It is posted via Facebook by Joy FM. Please try to attend.

Minutes from Sept. were approved as amended.

The Parish council Christmas party will be on Sat. evening, Dec. 28th at Dick and Carol Drury’s house – details to follow.

The Tithing adhoc committee has met on 3 occasions. It appears that of the 76 organizations currently supported by our tithing dollars that as many as 5 to 10 fall outside the existing guidelines. Father Chuck has

been interviewed and it is still the objective of the committee to present recommendations to the parish council around the first of the year.

Father T/Steve K:

- As of the 1st of the year, no parish event directed for children will be allowed to have alcohol.
- Fr. T. asked to have a coordinator for the Pictorial Directory. Bob Hughes may help and Carolyn and Mike offered to assist.
- Reg. the Missouri “children’s education initiative”; Archbishop Carlson asked to have a coordinator from each parish to lead the state petition drive that would allow legislation to be put on the 2014 MO ballot. If passed this would setup a state tax credit fund for education. 225,000 petition signatures are required. Coordinator names are to be submitted by 10/28. Consider Diana Piantanida and Gary Fuhr
- Father Ed Reilly passed away early this morning, services will be this Wed. at MM.

Closing prayer of consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Eileen

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Drury, Secretary